

EMBASSY OF JAPAN
BANGKOK



May 7, 2019

Dear Sir / Madame,

We are pleased to inform your university/institute that the Japanese Government will grant the scholarships to Thai students who wish to study in graduate course at Japanese universities as Research Students under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2020.

This Scholarship will provide full scholarship includes education fees, monthly allowances, and air tickets. The scholarship period will start from April or September/October 2020.

It would be much appreciated if you could kindly give an announcement of this scholarship program at your institute. Please find the application guidelines of the scholarship enclosed herewith.

Application forms and further information are available at the website of the Embassy of Japan <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>.

The application will be accepted from June 3-7, 2019 between 09.00-11.30 hours at the Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan, Bangkok, and also be accepted by post.

May I thank you for your kind cooperation and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Masaharu Kuba
First Secretary
Embassy of Japan

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2020
(RESEARCH STUDENTS)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities as Research Students (either regular students or non-regular students) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program as follows.

1. DEFINITION OF “RESEARCH STUDENTS”

Those who are enrolled in a master’s course, a doctoral course, or a professional graduate course at a graduate school, or who are conducting research in a specialized field at an undergraduate department, graduate school, institute attached to a university, etc. without the aim of completing the course, or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects prior to placement at the university, etc. (Excluding Young Leaders’ Program Students or Teacher Training Students.)

2. FIELDS OF STUDY

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities. The fields of study may be restricted to particular fields by the Japanese Embassy or Consulate (hereinafter referred to “Japanese diplomatic mission”) in the applicant’s country.

Traditional entertainment arts such as Kabuki and classical Japanese dances, or subjects that require practical training in specific technologies or techniques at factories or companies are not included in the fields of study under this scholarship program.

A student who studies medicine, dentistry or welfare science will not be allowed to engage in clinical training such as medical care and operative surgery until he/she obtains a relevant license from the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare under applicable Japanese laws.

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

MEXT accepts applications from international students for study in Japan who satisfy the following qualifications and conditions. Its aim is to foster human resources who will become bridges of friendship between the grantee’s country and Japan through study in Japan and who will contribute to the development of both countries and the wider world.

- (1) **Nationality:** Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan. The First Screening must be conducted at the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of which the applicant chooses the nationality.
- (2) **Age:** Applicants, in principle, must have been born on or after April 2, 1985. Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant’s country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant’s university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.
- (3) **Academic Background:** Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions for admission to either a master’s or doctoral course at a Japanese graduate school in which they wish to first enroll. (Applicants who will certainly satisfy any of the following conditions by the time of enrollment are eligible.)
 - (a) **Master’s course / Doctoral course (first phase)**
 - ① Applicants who have completed 16 years of school education in countries other than Japan.
 - ② Applicants who have completed a program with the standard study period of three years or more at universities or equivalent educational institutions in countries other than Japan and received a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree.
 - ③ Other than the above ① and ② conditions, applicants who are eligible for enrollment in a master’s course /doctoral course (first phase) at a Japanese graduate school.
 - (b) **Doctoral course (second phase)**
 - ① Applicants who have been awarded with an overseas degree equivalent to a master’s degree or professional degree.
 - ② Applicants who have graduated from universities and have been involved in research study at universities or

Programs;

- ④ Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2019, although their final selection results have not been decided yet, and the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2020;
 - ⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of “Student,” or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant’s country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the “Student” residence status and come to Japan;
 - ⑥ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant’s country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
 - ⑦ Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
 - ⑧ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan;
 - ⑨ Those who change their residence status to that of other than “Student” after their arrival in Japan;
 - ⑩ Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university;
 - ⑪ Those who have completed a doctoral course and have no intention to obtain a degree.
- (9) **Others:** MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

4. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

(1) Non-regular students:

- ① Grantees who arrived in Japan during the April term: The scholarship period will last from April 2020 until the end of March 2022.
- ② Grantees who arrived in Japan during the October term: The scholarship period will last from September or October 2020 until the end of March 2022.

In either case, the first 6-month period of scholarship will be a term of preparatory education of Japanese language (hereinafter referred to “the preparatory education”) for those who require such education. In cases of arrival in Japan in other months than those specified above, MEXT will decide the period of scholarship separately.

(Note 1) In ② above, scholarship payments will begin in September 2020 only if the start date of the accepting university’s autumn term is September 1, 2020. The scholarship payments will begin in October 2020 if the university’s autumn term start date falls between September 2, 2020, and September 30, 2020.

(2) Regular students enrolled in master’s, doctoral, or professional graduate courses:

Regardless of the date of arrival, the scholarship period shall be the necessary period for the completion of the respective regular course (hereinafter referred to “the standard period of study”. See “13. ACADEMIC PATHWAY FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS” for the standard period of study at each course). For those requiring preparatory education, a 6-month preparatory education period will be separately added prior to the regular degree course.

5. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

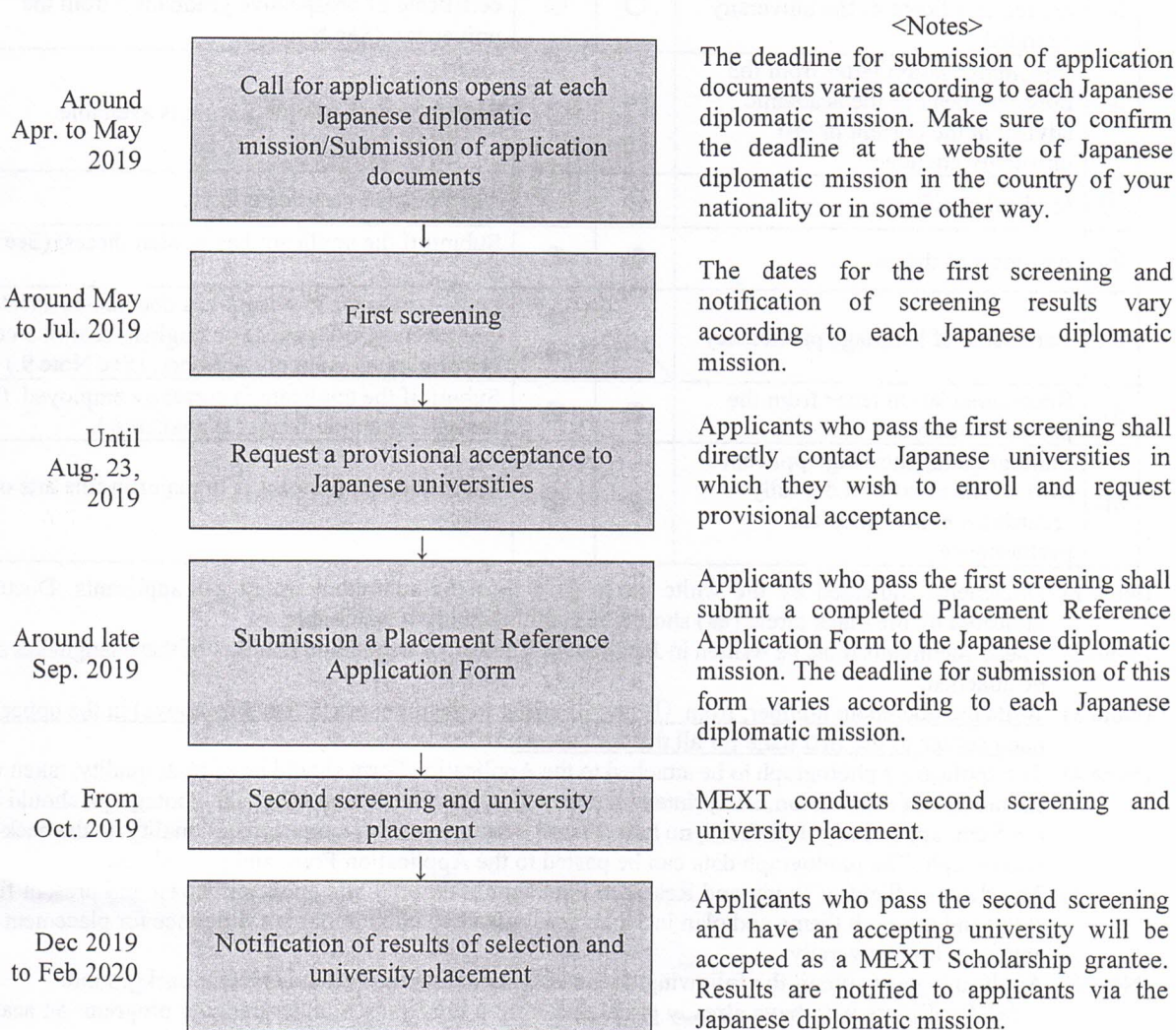
Non-regular students wishing to advance to a regular degree course in a graduate school as a regular student, or regular students in a master’s or professional graduate course wishing to proceed to a doctoral course, with outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria may apply for extension of the scholarship period for advanced study and may have the scholarship period extended upon a successful examination by MEXT. Followings are some points to note:

- ① The extension of the scholarship period will be permitted only if the successful student has passed an entrance examination for a regular degree course at a graduate school in which they wish to enroll and expresses

- ③ A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period exceeding 1 year;
- ④ A grantee is suspended from his/her university or preparatory educational institution or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university or preparatory educational institution;
- ⑥ A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the “Student” residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student”;
- ⑦ A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);
- ⑧ A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

8. THE PROCESS OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION

The following chart indicates the whole process from the call for applications, selection and final results. See the following Section 9. to 12. for more details.



for the scholarship.

The academic transcripts should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at the course attended. A degree certificate or a certificate simply showing the ranking of the applicant at the time of graduation will not substitute for academic transcripts. Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree must also submit a transcript when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.

(Note 7) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:

- (a) Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program: a certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program;
- (b) Applicants who have already completed a graduate school degree: certificates of graduation from both the undergraduate and graduate programs;
- (c) Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree: a certificate of prospective graduation from the undergraduate program;
- (d) Applicants who are pursuing a graduate degree: a certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program and a certificate of prospective graduation from the degree program at the graduate school.

A copy of the graduation certificate or the degree certificate is acceptable if the copy is attested by an authorized official of the university. (Do not submit the originals as the submitted documents will not be returned.) Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree must also submit a certificate of graduation when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.

(Note 8) For abstracts of the theses, abstracts of the graduation thesis and any presented papers will be acceptable. These abstracts will be used as basic data for evaluation of the applicant's academic ability. Make sure the applicant's name is on the first page of the abstracts.

(Note 9) If printing out the certificates from the Internet, print out and submit a page showing the applicant's name and the details of the relevant qualification (level, score, etc.).

10. FIRST SCREENING

- (1) The Japanese diplomatic missions will conduct the First Screening of applicants by means of examination of submitted application documents, written examinations of language proficiency and interviews.
- (2) The subjects of written examinations of language proficiency will be Japanese and English. Both subjects must be taken by all applicants. The result of the Japanese language examination will be used as reference for the Japanese-language preparatory education to be provided after the grantee's arrival in Japan.
- (3) The following policy will apply to each stage of screening:
 - ① Examination of submitted application documents: Must show that the applicant's academic achievement at the university that he/she last graduated from equaled to or exceeded a certain level, and state the applicant's research plan in a detailed and concrete manner;
 - ② Written examination of language proficiency: Must show language proficiency adequate for research in a Japanese university;
 - ③ Interview: Must reveal that the applicant has a clear sense of purpose relating to his/her study in Japan and has gathered information about Japanese universities. The interview must also reveal that the applicant has sufficient Japanese or English language ability to communicate with his/her academic advisor in Japan. If the applicant desires to study a subject that requires advanced Japanese language proficiency, the interview must show that the applicant has a considerable degree of Japanese language proficiency.
- (4) The date and time of the notification of the results of the First Screening will be specified separately by the Japanese diplomatic missions in the applicant's country; the reasons for the results of the screening will not be disclosed. Those who pass the First Screening will not necessarily be selected as the MEXT Scholarship grantees.
- (5) The results of the First Screening will be used as reference for the Second Screening and the university placement.

11. REQUEST OF PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND SUBMISSION OF A PLACEMENT FORM

- (1) A letter of provisional acceptance will greatly influence final selection results. Applicants may be rejected if they have not obtained any such letter. Applicants who have passed the First Screening should, therefore, ask universities they wish to attend to issue letters of provisional acceptance.
- (2) Applicants who have passed the First Screening shall directly contact the Japanese universities they wish to enter after the notification of the First Screening results by Friday, August 23, 2019 (Japan time) in order to request the issuance of letters of provisional acceptance as a regular or a non-regular student in graduate school. Applicants should be aware the following notes.
 - ① The number of universities which can be filled in the ②Placement Preference Application Form is up to three universities. The applicants can, therefore, obtain up to a maximum of three letters of provisional acceptance. Do not obtain more than three letters of provisional acceptance.
 - ② Applicants can contact up to a maximum of three universities at the same time. Do not contact more than three universities at the same time. If, however, they have received a rejection from one of the universities

(ANNEX TO THE APPLICATION GUIDELINES)

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2020 (THAILAND)

— RESEARCH STUDENTS —

Additional to the Application Guidelines, the details of the selection and some special requirements are set by the Embassy of Japan in Thailand as following. **Please read carefully before submitting the application.**

1. FIELD OF STUDY

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities.

R1A	Social Sciences and Humanities A	(A) Law (B) Politics (C) Education (D) Psychology (E) Sociology (F) Language/Literature (G) History (H) Media and Communication (I) Music (J) Fine Arts (K) Others
R1B	Social Sciences and Humanities B	(A) Economics (B) Business Administration (C) Others
R2	Natural Sciences	(A) Science (B) Engineering (C) Architecture (D) Agriculture (E) Food Science (F) Medicine (G) Dentistry (H) Pharmacy (I) Others

2. QUALIFICATION

(A) Applicants who have completed, or are expected to complete an undergraduate degree

Must have the **cumulative grade point average (GPA) 3.25 or more** at an undergraduate degree.

EXCEPTIONS: Those who meet any one of the following conditions are also eligible.

- ① Those who have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) administered by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services and the Japan Foundation, and have the following cumulative grade point average;

GPA 2.80 or more for N1

GPA 3.00 or more for N2

GPA 3.15 or more for N3 or N4

- ② Those who have obtained a certain amount of score of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) administered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) **in two years**, and have cumulative grade point average in any of the following options;

Option A: Basic Academic Ability

GPA 2.80 or more for 240 by the total score of

“Mathematics Course 1” and “Japan and the World *or* “Mathematics Course 2” and “Science”

Option B: Japanese Language Skills

GPA 2.80 or more for 240 by the score of “Japanese as a Foreign Language” (Excluding ‘Writing’)

GPA 3.00 or more for 200 by the score of “Japanese as a Foreign Language” (Excluding ‘Writing’)

GPA 3.15 or more for 160 by the score of “Japanese as a Foreign Language” (Excluding ‘Writing’)

(B) Applicants who have completed, or are expected to complete a graduate degree

Must meet **either** of the following conditions;

- ① Must have the **cumulative grade point average (GPA) 3.25 or more** at an undergraduate degree;
- ② Must have the **cumulative grade point average (GPA) 3.50 or more** at a master’s degree and also have **2.80 or more at an undergraduate degree.**

(3) Written Examination

Date: Sun, 23 June 2019

Place: Applicants must choose **one** of the following examination site and **mark on the Admission Form**.

- 1) Bangkok: Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University
- 2) Chiang Mai: Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University
- 3) Khon Kaen: Faculty of Education, Khon Kaen University
- 4) Songkla: Faculty of Engineering, Prince of Songkla University

Subjects for written examination and time schedule (divided by field of study):

Time	R1A	R1A (for the field area of Japanese language and culture)	R1B	R2
08:30 – 09:30	English	English	English	English
09:40 – 10:40	-	-	Mathematics (A)	Mathematics (B)
10:50 – 11:50	-	-	-	Chemistry/Physics/ Biology
14:00 – 16:00	Japanese (if chosen)	Japanese	Japanese (if chosen)	Japanese (if chosen)

(Note 1) All applicants is **not required to undertake the Japanese language examination**. It is opened for those who would like to be evaluated their Japanese language skills and for those who will study in the field area of Japanese language and culture.

(Note 2) R2 applicants must **choose 1 subject** from Chemistry, Physics, Biology.

(4) Announcement of the result of the written examination

Date: Fri, 5 July 2019

Time: 15:00 hrs.

Place: at the Embassy of Japan in Thailand's homepage (<http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

(5) Interview schedule

The interview will be given in English and/or in Japanese for those who have knowledge of Japanese language.

Social Sciences and Humanities (R1A and R1B)

Date: Thu, 11 July 2019 – Fri, 12 July 2019

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan

Natural Sciences (R2)

Date: Mon, 15 July 2019 and Thu, 18 July 2019

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan

(6) Announcement of the result of the interview

Date: Tue, 23 July 2019

Time: 15:00 hrs.

Place: at the Embassy of Japan in Thailand's homepage (<http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

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Embassy of Japan in Thailand

ทุนรัฐบาลญี่ปุ่น ประจำปี 2563

สถานเอกอัครราชทูตญี่ปุ่นประจำประเทศไทย เปิดรับสมัครและคัดเลือกนักศึกษาชาวไทย เพื่อรับทุนการศึกษา
เต็มจำนวนจากรัฐบาลญี่ปุ่น (MEXT SCHOLARSHIP) ไปศึกษาต่อที่ประเทศญี่ปุ่น

✿ ทุนระดับนักศึกษาวิจัย (Research Students)
เพื่อเตรียมเข้าศึกษาในมหาวิทยาลัยระดับปริญญาโท/เอก

ไม่จำเป็นต้องมี
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ให้ทุนทุกสาขาที่มีเปิดสอนในประเทศญี่ปุ่น แต่ต้องเป็นสาขาเดิมหรือสาขาเกี่ยวข้องกับผู้ที่สมัครจบปริญญาตรี/โทมา
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✦ คุณสมบัติ ✦

- ✿ จบการศึกษาระดับปริญญาตรีขึ้นไป หรือกำลังศึกษาอยู่ชั้นปีสุดท้าย และคาดว่าจะจบภายใน
สิงหาคมปีถัดไป
- ✿ มี GPA สะสมในระดับปริญญาตรีไม่ต่ำกว่า 3.25* หรือ
มี GPA สะสมในระดับปริญญาโทไม่ต่ำกว่า 3.50 และในระดับปริญญาตรีต้องไม่ต่ำกว่า 2.80

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*กรณี GPA สะสมไม่ต่ำกว่า 2.80 จะมีสิทธิ์สมัครได้หากยื่นสมัครพร้อมผลสอบ JLPT หรือ EJU ตามที่กำหนด ดังนี้

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| GPA ป.ตรีไม่ต่ำกว่า 3.15 | + | N4/N3
หรือ EJU Japanese (160 คะแนนขึ้นไป) |
| GPA ป.ตรีไม่ต่ำกว่า 3.00 | + | N2
หรือ EJU Japanese (200 คะแนนขึ้นไป) |
| GPA ป.ตรีไม่ต่ำกว่า 2.80 | + | N1
หรือ EJU Japanese (240 คะแนนขึ้นไป) |

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| GPA ป.ตรีไม่ต่ำกว่า 2.80 |
| + |
| Maths1+ Japan and the world
หรือ Maths2 + Science
(รวม 240 คะแนนขึ้นไป) |

กรุณาตรวจสอบเงื่อนไขและกำหนดการการรับสมัครอีกครั้งบนเว็บไซต์ของหน่วยงานรับสมัคร